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1. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICERS MET WITH SUPREME SOVIET OFFICIALS JULY 22 PURSUANT TO STATE REFTELS. SOVIETS CONFIRMED THAT CODEL WOULD BE HOUSED AT HOTEL SOVIETSKAYA IN MOSCOW AND ASSURED US THAT ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS WISHING TO VISIT DOWNTOWN AREA OR ELSEWHERE. SOVIETS SAID THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DRAFT PROGRAM BY END OF WEEK (REFTEL A).

2. ON ROOM ASSIGNMENTS (REFTEL B), SOVIETS FORESAW NO MAJOR PROBLEMS IN MOSCOW OR LENINGRAD, ALTHOUGH THEY NOTED THAT CONFIGURATION OF OLDER SOVIET HOTELS SUCH AS SOVIETSKAYA OR ASTORIA IN LENINGRAD MIGHT MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO MEET ALL OF CODEL'S REQUESTS. THEY SAID BLACK SEA HOTEL PROBABLY WOULD BE CROWDED WITH TOURISTS, WHICH COULD COMPLICATE TASK OF ASSIGNING ROOMS IN EXACT CONFORMITY WITH CODEL'S WISHES.

3. SOVIETS UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE HOTEL PRE-REGISTRATION IN LENINGRAD, MOSCOW AND BLACK SEA BUT NOTED THAT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS AND OTHER LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS FINAL CODEL

ROSTER WAS NEEDED ASAP.

4. SOVIETS SAID GIFTS PROBABLY WOULD BE EXCHANGED ON LAST FULL DAY IN MOSCOW, AUGUST 12. COMMENT: WE WOULD EXPECT GIFTS TO BE SIMILAR TO THOSE PRESENTED TO CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT -- I.E., PAPERWEIGHTS AND SMALL LACQUER (PALEKH) BOXES. SOVIETS ARE MINDFUL OF 50 DOLLAR LIMITATION.

5. SOVIETS ASKED IF CODEL WOULD LAY WREATH AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN MOSCOW AND AT MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN LENINGRAD, AS DID CODEL HUMPHREY,SCOTT. COMMENT: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT BOTH BE DONE. COST OF EACH WREATH WILL BE ABOUT 200 DOLLARS. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. REGARDING PROGRAM IN LENINGRAD, SUPREME SOVIET STAFFER GURYANOV SAID HE HAD RECENTLY SUGGESTED TO LENINGRAD BY TELEPHONE THAT CODEL MEET INFORMALLY WITH CITY AUTHORITIES (GORISPOLKOM) AND BE GIVEN OFFICIAL LUNCH BY CITY AUTHORITIES. IN ADDITION TO VISITS TO USUAL ATTRACTIONS IN CITY, HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CODEL BE TAKEN BY BOAT TO PETRODVORETS. FOR LENINGRAD: GURYANOV, WHO COUNSELOR IN DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN CONTRACTS, PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET, DID NOT SAY WITH WHOM HE HAD SPOKEN IN LENINGRAD. APPARENTLY SHINKARENKO WAS NOT INFORMED OF GURYANOV'S CALL AS OF JULY 22. WE WILL BE GLAD TO ASK GURYANOV TO CALL LENINGRAD AGAIN IF YOU FEEL IT NECESSARY.

7. GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE REGARDING COST OF SPASO RECEPTION (REFTEL C).  
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